tial people with the connivance of the police officials; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) According to Delhi Police eight cases of land grabbing in the Union Territory of Delhi with the connivance of police personnel have been reported in 1992 (Upto 30-11-1992). Inquiries have been initiated into all these cases.

Steps taken to check land grabbing include greater coordination between the Police Department and the various land owning municipal and enforcement agencies of the Administration. Instructions have been reiterated to the police personnel to ensure prompt action against encroachers and land grabbers. Delhi Administration have also set up special vigilance teams consisting of ADM, Dy. Police Commissioners and Zonal Asstt. Commissioners for each Police District.

Functioning of Ordnance Factory, Trichy

*197. SHRI J. S. RAJU :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of workers employed in Ordnance Factory, Trichy;

(b) what are the defence items produced in the factory and what is their annual production; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the factory administration has passed an order changing the working hours of the employees, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) 2886.

(b) It is not in the public interest to disclose details of items. However, annual value of production in this Factory during 1990-91 and 1991-92 has been Rs. 15.3 crores and Rs. 19-1 crores respectively.

(c) An order has been issued that whenever overtime working (beyond normal working hours) in resorted to, the total working hours per week be evenly distributed over all the 6 working days.

Changes in Labour Laws

*198. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has called for a total overhaul of the labour laws in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have since examined the proposals; and

(d) if so, by when suitable changes in the labour laws are likely to be made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in its Memorandum submitted to the Inter-Ministerial Group on Industrial Restructuring (constituted by the Planning Commission) suggested amendments to certain provisions in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and the Trade Unions Act, 1926.

(1) The suggested amendments in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 are as under :

(1) Items No. 10 and 11 of Schedule IV to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 should be deleted so that no notice for effecting any change in the conditions of service of any workman is necessary.

(2) Section 11-A : Power of Labour Courts, Tribunals and National Tribunals to give appropriate relief in case of discharge or dismissal of workman should be deleted.

(3) Sections 25-M, 25-N and 25-O dealing with prior permission of Government for lay-off, retrenchment and closure should be deleted from the Act.

(4) Section 33 dealing with conditions of service etc. to remain unchanged under certain circumstances during the pendency of proceedings to be suitably amended as the pendency of cases in conciliation, Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals take